

Milk Substitute (Bovine Origin) – for Animal Consumption Export to Mexico

The following certification statements should be provided on a VS Form 16-4 for the exportation to Mexico of milk substitute (bovine origin) for animal consumption. With the exception of the first statement about the ruminant feed ban, the remaining statements can be made on the basis of a notarized affidavit.

The United States has regulations in place that prohibit the feeding of ruminants with ruminant meat and bone meal (MBM) and greaves.

This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [company name] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.

1. The product certified herein does not contain proteins of ruminant origin, except milk and/or milk proteins.
2. Ingredients of ovine (sheep) origin were not used in the manufacture of the product.
3. The product was manufactured under official control in a facility approved by the competent U.S. authority for animal consumption.¹
4. An approved food coloring (e.g., red, green, blue, or purple pigment) has been added to the product.² *Or*
5. Permission has been granted by the animal health authorities in the Mexican State of destination for the product to be imported without the addition of food coloring (denaturant) through an officially-issued document describing the quantity of product to be imported, as well as how the use of the product will be supervised.³

¹ The original and a copy of the quality control certificate issued by the manufacturing company should also accompany the product for presentation to Mexican port officials.

²⁻³ Exporters are required to add food coloring to product intended for animal consumption to preclude diversion into human food channels. To waive this requirement, exporters must have their importer obtain an official document from the Livestock Sub-delegation of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food in the Mexican State for which the product is destined. This document, which must be presented upon entry into Mexico, should indicate the quantity of product being imported and how its use will be supervised.

****Additional certification statements may be included, as required by the Hoja de Requisitos Sanitarios (HRZ) issued by the government of Mexico for a specific product. Exporters claiming that additional certification statements are required should provide the endorsing VS Area Office with a copy of the HRZ and an English translation.**